

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A crane for cyclic transfer of two containers between pick-up and delivery locations, comprising: an elongated boom; frame means for support of the boom in alignment with a fixed travel path established on the crane; a platform having a pair of parallel spaced straight track paths established thereon; mounting means supporting the platform on the frame means for accommodating lateral displacement of said pair of the parallel spaced straight track paths relative to the fixed travel path; a pair of trolleys onto which the two containers are respectively loaded at the pick-up location and unloaded at the delivery location; and spreader means for respectively suspending ~~suspended~~ from said trolleys ~~to which~~ the two containers ~~are attached for~~ to accommodate transfer thereof between ~~along~~ the fixed travel path and either one of said pair of the parallel spaced straight track paths on the platform.

Claim 2 (Original): The crane as defined in claim 1, wherein said frame means includes: a central structure on which the platform mounting means is supported; gantry legs extending from the central structure and having lower ends connected to wheeled trucks through which the crane is movably positioned to establish an operative relationship wherein the fixed travel path and one of said pair of the track paths on the platform leads to either one of two truck transfer lanes below the central structure of the crane as the pick-up or delivery location.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): A crane through which two trolleys transfer loads between pick-up and delivery locations, comprising: a frame; an elongated boom fixedly mounted on the frame; a platform; track means respectively mounted on the frame, the boom and the platform for guiding travel of the trolleys along a fixed travel path on the frame and the boom in alignment with a selected one of a pair of parallel spaced straight travel paths on the platform; and means mounting the platform on the frame for guiding lateral displacement ~~of~~ thereof with said pair of the parallel spaced straight travel paths ~~on the platform~~ into and out of said alignment with the fixed travel path on the boom to accommodate transfer of said two trolleys between the fixed travel path on the frame and the boom and ~~the~~ one of the parallel spaced straight travel paths on the platform in alignment therewith.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The crane as defined in claim 3, wherein said boom projects from the frame to one of the pick-up and delivery locations overlying a ship, while one of said pair of the parallel spaced straight travel paths on the platform leads to said delivery and pick-up locations under the crane when in alignment with the fixed travel path.

Claim 5 (New): The crane as defined in claim 1, wherein said lateral displacement of the pair of parallel spaced straight track paths is in a perpendicular direction relative to the fixed travel path.

Claim 6 (New): The crane as defined in claim 4, wherein said lateral displacement of the pair of parallel spaced straight track paths is in a perpendicular direction relative to the fixed travel path.